



## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*This meeting was facilitated both in person and via an online Zoom format.*

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – (Voting) Beatrix Teaney, Tia Saunders, Kureha Takayama, Gia Monticello, Mahraya Davis, Zion Fozo, Sarah Lanum, Matt Beale. (Non-Voting) Shari Anderson, Kaylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Cirilo Cortez.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Joseph Morales

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Anna Paladini, Charles Barsdale, Aaron Schwartz, Adin White, Ben Spies, Brooke Mcall, Katrina Leach.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Teaney, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm
- II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/5/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 9/5/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Monticello/Fozo)** Chair Teaney motioned to amend Business item A (Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26) from start time of 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm; the rest of the document remains the same. 7/0/0 MSC. Motion to approve the 9/5/25 amended agenda, as amended. (Saunders/Lanum) 7-0-0 MSC.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of Minutes of the 4/25/25 regular meeting and 5/2/25 special meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of the 4/25/25 regular meeting and 5/2/25 special meeting, as presented. (Fozo/Monticello)** Fozo requests a friendly amendment of the minutes to correct all areas where there is a cited misspelling of Beatrix Teaney and Kaylee McAllister-Knutson. 7-0-0 MSC
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic –  
  
Aaron Schwartz made public statement regarding information item H of the SOEAF Policy, and urged the AS to be informed and re-engage with the SLL office in matters/business that were discussed in the last GAC meeting held by the previous team. Schwartz also encouraged this committee to expand the SOEAF policy so that students can maximize the use of these funds.
- VII. STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE (SAS) REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.
  - A. Student Academic Senate Committee
    1. No meetings held but please stay tuned for a future meeting dates.
- VIII. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY REPORT** – Action Items forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee from the Senate stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Committee action.
  - B. Social Justice and Equity Committee
    2. SJEC Actions: No meetings held, working with partners to start planning those meetings.

### **IX. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Government Affairs Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26, as amended.** (Beale/Lanum) 7/0/0 MSC.
- B. **Information Item: Activity Fee Budget vs Actual March 2025** - Director Wright explained the AS Activity Fee budget and the significance of the fiscal year starting on July 1 and ending on June 30. She recommends that the committee familiarize themselves with this report as it will come to GAC quarterly and for the purposes of this report, we will aim to be at 75% of the 25/26 fiscal year. The activity fee is doing great and she will present on Q4 when those numbers are available.
- C. **Discussion Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee Code Changes** Director Wright explained the changes occurring, including the explicit change to the code for SJEC that allows the possibility of a designee for CCLC in case a faculty member can't serve for the term.
- D. **Discussion Item: Campus Engagement Council Code Update** Director Wright provided the context for this discussion item, explaining that the previous chair of the Campus Engagement Council requested that the Government Affairs Director be replaced by either a member of AS Marketing or AS Presents as a member of the committee.

**X. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS - none**

**XI. STAFF REPORTS –**

McAllister-Knutson mentioned that Friday is Wildcat Spirit Days all year long, and deals all across campus! Wildcat Welcome is for new and returning students to come and feel welcomed on campus through the enjoyment of many different kinds of events on campus. There are now over 200 student organizations, up almost 50 percent from 2021. There was also a fantastic turnout at Clubtacular with over 150 clubs participating.

Monticello asked about Wildcat Wednesdays and McAllister-Knutson responded that they are working on a program where if you wear Chico State gear on the first Wednesday of every month, you can get discounts on and off campus.

Anderson mentioned Wildcat Weekend is on October 9-11 and is intended for past, present, and future students, so please stop by the event.

Dr. Cortez mentioned that Student Affairs is glad to collaborate and partner with many departments and organizations across campus, including the AS. Student Affairs is also prepping to host the Fall welcome for this year. They are sending staff to the CSU counselor conference, which is focused on providing help and information to highschool counselors.

**XII. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT—**

The recruitment for students at large to serve on councils and committees is currently open. You can find the application on the Government Affairs website. Be on the lookout in your Outlook calendars for our placement meeting for our committees this Friday at noon. She still needs responses from three members. Please complete all of your Title IX trainings. Our office hours start on Monday, 9/8.

**XIII. CHAIR REPORT –**

Teaney mentioned their appreciation for the success of the first GAC meeting, and commended members of the public for sharing and encouraged them to keep exercising that right during the meetings.

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS—**

Monticello – EOP career readiness kick starter on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, where students can get help polishing up their resumes and get professional headshots done.

Lanum – Green campus is hosting a social event on September 11 at the Bear from 5:00-7:00 pm, so individuals can connect.

Davis – Black Wildcat Welcome in Sylvesters on September 10 from 4-6 pm, where we will have snacks and games.

Chair Teaney- APIDA welcome event on Tuesday, and the cool cat closet will be at that event too. We have a GAC meeting meeting on Halloween, and Chair Teaney requested that all members begin working on their costumes ASAP.

Dr. Cortez – The Chicano & Latino Council is hosting Bienvenida to welcome staff and students to the community.

#### **XV. PUBLIC OPINION—**

Barsdale – Expressed the college workload seems unrealistic and prohibits students from enjoying social aspect of their college career.

Vonmosh - CAVE program is currently recruiting for a few of our programs and they are open until next Friday September 12th.

Schwartz– Congrats to you all on finishing your first GAC meeting. No Kings,Only Democracy Bingo Night on October 8<sup>th</sup> by the Chico State Democrats. It will be listed on Cats Connect, so please RSVP.

White—The CSSA meeting is coming up, and they opened the policy agenda to all students. He mentioned to the CSSA that the decision regarding the interim system-wide time, place and manner policy was made in a less-than-favorable way with minimal student input. He urged the representatives that attend CSSA to vocalize these sentiments as well.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT – 2:59pm**